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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT: The Senior Review Panel

1. The Senior Review Panel (SRP) is ailing and needs some DCI/DDCI attention if we are to restore its strength and morale. Also, there are some possibilities for modifications in its use that might provide more flexibility and effectiveness.

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3. Let me display my bias early. I believe the SRP is a valuable tool for the DCI review process. Alternatives can be fashioned but it is important to have such a review process both in the interest of conserving DCI/DDCI time and enhancing the credibility of the DCI endorsed, Community products. There are alternative ways to use the SRP in this review process such as using them joined to the other panels (MAP, MEAP, STAP) and independent consultants rather than separately as we have in past years.

4. The SRP does not belong to the National Intelligence Council, it is directly associated with the DCI, and is administered by the DCI Administrative Officer. The SRP looks to the DCI/DDCI for guidance. Therefore, my advice is what I believe you should do and doesn't directly involve me at this time.

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5. I recommend that you and the DCI:

- a. Talk with Bill Leonhart and draw him out alone on his views of the possibilities for the SRP.

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6. I would welcome the opportunity to assist in preserving the effectiveness of a valuable adjunct to your office and this potential counsel to the NIOs.



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